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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Arms and Explosives

Granting of gun licences in Anakat village.

97 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Kanti Kuppan of Anakat village in Vellore taluk, who owns lands adjoining forest reserves, was refused a gun licence by the District Magistrate of North Arcot;

(*b*) whether he appealed to the Government about it;

(*c*) what were the orders passed; and

(*d*) what are the principles on which gun licences are granted or refused in such cases?

A.—(*a*) No person by the name of Kanti Kuppan of Anakat village was refused a gun licence. The hon. Member presumably refers to Kaveti Kuppan of Unai village, whose licence was cancelled by the District Magistrate of North Arcot in November 1928.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government declined to interfere.

(*d*) The principles governing the grant of licences for the protection of crops (if that is what the hon. Member means when he speaks of 'such cases') are (*a*) that the necessity for the possession of firearms is established and (*b*) that there is no risk of any weapons falling into the hands of lawless or otherwise undesirable persons.

General

Viswa Brahmana marriage processions in some villages of Palnad and Bapatla taluks.

98 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMOORTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in some villages of the taluks of Palnad and Bapatla in Guntur district, caste Hindus are obstructing Viswa Brahmans from enjoying the elementary rights of carrying the bridal pairs in procession in palanquins through the streets of villages at the times of marriages and other ceremonial occasions?

A.—The Government have no information.

Alleged ban on Gandhi caps

99 *Q.*—Mr. C. SATYANARAYANA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places where the wearing of Gandhi caps was banned;

(*b*) how many persons were arrested in those places for disobeying the ban; and

(*c*) how many of these were prosecuted in a court of law and how many were convicted?

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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 42 answered on 19th November 1930.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information as to the exact number of persons arrested or prosecuted for disobeying the order of the District Magistrate of Guntur, but eight persons were convicted under section 188, Indian Penal Code, for disobeying the order, of whom two were acquitted on appeal.

Police

Appointment of depressed classes in the Police Department in Tinnevelly, Madura and Ramnad districts.

100 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications made to the District Superintendents of Police, Tinnevelly, Madura and Ramnad separately by the depressed class members for the posts of Police constables and Sub-Inspectors of Police during the years 1925—1930 and the number selected from among them;

(*b*) the number of applications rejected and the reasons for the rejection; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to direct the District Superintendents of Police of these districts to follow a liberal policy in the matter of selecting candidates from among the depressed classes?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government have already issued general instructions in the matter.

Civil Justice

Proposed abolition of the Tiruvadi District Munsif's Court.

101 *Q.*—Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a great decline in the file of the various District Munsifs' Courts in the Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that for the last five years there have been proposals for the abolition of the Tiruvadi District Munsif's Court or for the location of an additional District Munsif's Court at Tanjore; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that numerous memorials have been addressed both to the District Judge of Tanjore West, and to the High Court for the abolition of the Tiruvadi District Munsif's Court?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The District Judge, West Tanjore, had under consideration some proposals in 1926, but he ultimately decided not to proceed with them. In 1927 the hon. the Judges reported to Government that there was no case for removing the District Munsif's Court from Tiruvadi to Tanjore.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

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Proposed abolition of the District Court at Negapatam.

102 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration the question of appointing an additional Judge to the District Court of Tanjore and of abolishing the District Court at Negapatam?

A.—Yes.

General

Suffixes to the names of members of Viswa Brahman community.

103 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Viswa Brahman community that the suffixes to their names should be "Acharyulu Garu" in Sanskrit and not the Tamil rendering of the word "Asari" as directed by G.O. No. 659, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 26th May 1913; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take on them?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Jails

Treatment given to depressed classes in jails.

104 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) with how many messes the District Civil Jail of Madura for the civil prisoners has been provided;

(*b*) whether there is any separate mess for the depressed classes;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that food provisions for the members of the depressed classes are being handed over to the caste men for distribution; and

(*d*) whether there was a protest by the depressed classes inmates of the jail last September and October against the sort of treatment meted out to them?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The information has been called for.

Demanding finger-prints of political prisoners at Cannanore Jail.

105 *Q.*—Mr. C. Satyanarayana Choudari: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) under what provision of law the police are demanding the political prisoners at Cannanore Central Jail to give their finger-prints;

(*b*) whether any of the political prisoners at Cannanore Central Jail refused to give the police their finger-prints;

(*c*) whether such persons were convicted and, if so, under what provisions of law and to what period;

(*d*) how many were convicted in this connexion and their names; and

(*e*) whether the hon. the Law Member has received any communication from the Superintendent or Mr. T. Prakasam on this subject and whether this correspondence will be placed on the table of this House?

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A.—(*a*) The police are no longer taking the finger-prints of 'political' prisoners in the Cannanore Central Jail—see in this connexion the answer to Legislative Council Question No. 187-B. The original demands of the police in this respect were made under section 3 of the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 (Act XXXIII of 1920).

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Thirty-one convicts in the Central Jail, Cannanore, who refused to allow their finger-prints to be taken were convicted under section 186 of the Indian Penal Code. The appended statement [a] gives their names and the sentences passed. The entire periods of the additional sentences passed on these have since been remitted by the Government.

(*e*) The Government have received communications from the Superintendent, Central Jail, Cannanore, and Messrs. T. Prakasam and T. V. Chathukutti Nayar. They do not feel that any useful purpose will be served by placing the communications on the table.

Diet of the Andhra political prisoners.

106 *Q.*—Mr. C. Satyanarayana Choudari: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that in Telugu districts boiled rice is never used at all by the people;

(*b*) whether he is aware that the Andhra political prisoners are all persons accustomed to raw rice; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that boiled rice and the absence of butter-milk are proving injurious to the health of the Andhra political prisoners?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Representations have been so made to the Government.

(*c*) No.

Classification of political prisoners.

107 *Q.*—Mr. C. Satyanarayana Choudari: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Magistrates regarding the classification of political prisoners;

(*b*) what is the basis on which they have classified the political prisoners;

(*c*) who supplied the material for this basis; and

(*d*) whether it is true that the political prisoners put under class 'C' are all either respectable ryots or merchants or lawyers or students?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not recognized any class of prisoners known as political prisoners. All convicted prisoners are divided into three classes, 'A', 'B' and 'C', with reference to the instructions laid down by the Government of India and published with Law (General) Department Press Communiqué, dated 19th March 1930.

(*b*) to (*d*) Do not arise.

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a Printed as Appendix V on page 281 infra.

Sarada Act

Enforcement of Sarada Act in the Presidency.

108 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether on account of the civil disobedience movement the Government of India has circularized to the Local Governments asking them not to enforce the Sarada Act;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the celebration of a number of marriages in this Presidency ignoring and in contravention of the Sarada Act;

(c) whether the Government have communicated to the Government of India the agitation of the Sanatana Dharmaites in opposition to the Sarada Act; and

(d) whether the Government have received representations that Viswa Brahman community is opposed to the said Act?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Yes.
(c) No.
(d) No separate representation has been received by Government from the Viswa Brahman community in the matter.

Census

Inclusion of barber community under "Nayee Brahmans" in the coming census.

109 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are in receipt of the communication from the Government of India directing the authorities concerned to enter the names of the members of the barber community as "Nayee Brahmans" in the coming Census operations?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Inams

Issue of pattas for village service inams.

110 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the Deputy Collectors in the Presidency to issue pattas for village service inams in the individual names of all service inamholders;

(b) whether it is a fact that, in the case of village carpenters and blacksmiths, the pattas are being issued in the names of the professions and not individuals; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state the reasons for this difference?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The question is not clearly understood. The rules, which govern the resumption of village artizan inams, will be found in Board's Standing Order No. 55.

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Irrigation

Headquarters of the Executive Engineer, Godavari Central delta.

111 *Q.*—Mr. K. Kesava Ramamurti Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ryots of the Godavari Central delta at the several conferences held by the Executive Engineer during October 1930 pointed out the necessity and desirability of the headquarters of that Engineer being shifted from Dowlaishweram to Gannavaram or other convenient centre; and

(*b*) what action Government propose to take on the matter?

A.—(*a*) A representation to this effect has been received by Government from the East Godavari District Association.

(*b*) The suggestion has been referred to the Chief Engineer.

Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee.

112 *Q.*—Mr. T. Narasa Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any Irrigation Committee constituted for the Ceded districts or any of them;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to mention the names of the persons who constitute that Committee;

(*c*) whether the Committee have proposed any project or projects for irrigation purposes to be undertaken in Ceded districts; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the projects under execution and the projects to be undertaken in future for these districts?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) There is no committee of the kind referred to in clause (*a*).

(*d*) The only project under execution is the extension and improvement of the Basavannah channel in Bellary district. The Tungabhadra project is under consideration. A scheme for the construction of a reservoir across the Rallavagu near Thippayapalayam village, Markapur taluk, Kurnool district, is proposed for execution next year.

Income derived from Kaveripakkam and Mamundoor tanks.

113 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what revenue is derived from the Kaveripakkam and Mamundoor tanks in the North Arcot district in respect of water supplied to the agriculturists and from other sources, if any, for the last ten years;

(*b*) what amounts have been spent during the last ten years by way of repairs to the tanks;

(*c*) whether the Government have received representations for remission of kist in respect of the ayacut lands under the tank for failure of water due to the choking up of the feeder channels; and

(*d*) whether the Government contemplate taking up immediate steps to keep the tanks in proper repair?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information but have called for it.

(*c*) Some petitions were received in July last from ryots under the Kaveripakkam tank asking for remission on the ground of insufficient supply in the channels. They were transferred to the Board of Revenue. No further information is available but the Government have called for it.

(*d*) There is no such proposal at present under the consideration of Government but they have asked the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for a report.

Progress of the Appapuram project.

114 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres it is proposed to irrigate under the Appapuram project;

(*b*) whether any report has been sent up by the committee appointed to investigate and report thereon;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the people of Kommuru village petitioned in 1929 to Government requesting that irrigation under the project should extend as far as Karamchedu;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to do anything in the matter; and, if not, for what reason;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that at the request of the ryots affected by the project, 'Sahitya-visarada' Kona Venkatraya Sarma, Secretary of Appapuram Project Committee, submitted a petition to the Government requesting orders to extend the scope of the project so as to include another 15,000 acres of land; and

(*f*) if so, what action the Government propose to take on the petition?

A.—(*a*) 20,000 acres.

(*c*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*b*), (*d*) & (*f*) No committee has been appointed by Government. A special division is investigating schemes for extending irrigation in the Kistna delta. This division will also consider the Appapuram project. The results of the investigation are awaited.

Land Assignment

Application for grant of lands by Dr. M. Nagamallikharjuna Rao.

115 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Dr. Mamla Nagamallikharjuna Rao Pantulu has applied for grant of lands in Kamavarapukota and Tadepalligudem taluks of West Godavari district for raising certain medical plants; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the application is?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The applicant was informed in November 1928 that his application for the grant of a large area of land could not be considered unless he submitted a detailed scheme for the utilization of the land and could convince the Government that he had adequate means to carry out his scheme. The applicant has not so far submitted any detailed scheme nor has he shown that he has adequate means to finance the scheme.

Land Revenue

Establishment of a sub-treasury in Kothapet, East Godavari district.

116 *Q.*—Mr. K. KESAVA RAMAMURTI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sanction has been accorded to the establishment of a sub-treasury in the Kothapeta Deputy Tahsildar's office, East Godavari district, proposed in connexion with the redistribution of the Revenue divisions and taluks of the East Godavari district sanctioned and notified in September 1930; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The opening of a sub-treasury at Kothapeta forms part of a scheme for the subdivision of the Razole taluk in the East Godavari district, which is under consideration in connexion with Part II of the budget for 1931–32.

Public Service

Representation of Viswa Brahmin community in public service.

117 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in G.O. No. 777, Public (Services), dated 27th June 1930, regarding communal representation in public service the definition of the "depressed classes" is based upon the recommendations of the Central Committee constituted to help the Indian Statutory Commission on Reforms;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation has, in several memorials, urged the Government to include the Viswa Brahmin community in the list of depressed classes for purposes of service, education and representation in the Legislatures and local bodies; and

(*c*) if so, what action do the Government propose to take on those memorials?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No such memorial has been traced.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Srirangam Temple

Repairs to the Srirangam temple.

118 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Government on the report of the sub-committee appointed in connexion with the repairs to the Srirangam temple; and

(b) if no action has been taken, what the report of the committee is?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to question No. 256 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 14th March 1927.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Lightning conductor to the tower on the mountain top at Sholinghur.

119 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the town of Sholinghur on the mountain top was struck twice by lightning and that several persons were seriously affected thereby including the ex-president of the taluk board; and

(b) whether the Minister in charge of religious and charitable endowments will be pleased to see that a lightning conductor is fitted to the tower to avoid danger in the future?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) It is a matter for the trustees of the institution to take action.

Management of the temples in the Karvetinagar Zamindari.

120 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the endowed lands of the temples in the Karvetinagar Zamindari, Chittoor district, are under attachment and under the Chittoor Collector's management, and if so, why;

(b) whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has taken any steps to see that the income from those lands is used for the temples themselves;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints that those institutions are not properly managed; and

(d) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to put the temples directly under the control of an efficient committee?

A.—(a) The property in question is not under attachment. The management has been assumed by Government, at the request of the Honorary Administrator of the temples, for the recovery of the peshkash due to Government which had fallen into arrears as part of the Karvetnagar estate.

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(*b*) The Hindu Religious Endowments Board have issued instructions to the Honorary Administrator to ensure that a sum of Rs. 25,000 per annum, which has been set apart by Government for the purpose out of the net income of the property, is utilized for the management of the various temples.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) If the hon. Member's intention is that these temples should be removed from the jurisdiction of the Circle Committee and vested in an independent committee, Government do not consider that this is called for.

Municipalities

Drainage schemes of the Trichinopoly and Srirangam municipalities.

121 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the stage in which the drainage schemes of the Trichinopoly and the Srirangam municipalities are?

A.—The plans and estimates for the Srirangam Drainage Scheme are under preparation and are expected to be ready before the end of December 1930. The plans and estimates for the Trichinopoly Drainage Scheme which were prepared in 1916 are out of date. It is proposed to order their revision.

Public Health

Leprosy in Salem district.

122 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that leprosy is rampant in many of the villages of the Salem district;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to arrest the spread of leprosy in Salem district and afford treatment to the suffering;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that services are being rendered to such afflicted people by the Salem District Board;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government have refused contribution for such humanitarian work undertaken by the Salem District Board from out of its funds;

(*e*) if so, whether the Government have under reconsideration the question of contribution to local bodies for opening leprosy clinics; and

(*f*) whether the Government contemplate the early opening of leper asylums in important places like Salem?

A.—(*a*) The Government understand that some of the taluks in the district have a high incidence of leprosy.

(*b*) The Government maintain a leprosy clinic in the Taluk Headquarter Hospital at Krishnagiri.

(*c*) The District Board has opened two clinics—one at Peddunayakanpalaiyam and the other at Kaveripatnam.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government have under consideration a scheme for the employment of a special staff for reducing the incidence of leprosy in the Presidency.

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Responsibility of maintaining in proper order irrigation channels through which water for fresh water tanks runs.

123 Q.—Mr. K. Kesava Ramamurti Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether with reference to paragraph 116 of the Public Health Annual Report for 1928 reviewed in G.O. No. 2045, P.H., dated 19th August 1929, the Government have issued any orders determining the relative responsibility of the Revenue and the Public Works Departments and the Local Boards in maintaining in proper order irrigation channels through which fresh water for fresh water tanks also runs and if not what action they propose to take in the matter?

A.—It has been decided that in respect of Government irrigation channels which are possible breeding places for mosquitoes, the Public Health Department should provide funds for carrying out the necessary anti-malarial operations and that the Public Works Department or the Revenue authorities, as the case may be, who are in charge of such channels should execute the works.

Closing of three rural dispensaries in the East Godavari district.

124 Q.—Mr. K. Kesava Ramamurti Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state briefly the reasons for closing three rural dispensaries in the East Godavari district during 1929?

A.—A report on the subject received from the District Medical Officer, East Godavari, is laid on the table [a]

Scarcity of drinking-water in Cuddapah district.

125 Q.—Mr. T. Narasa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government that in the Cuddapah district during summer, there is no water to drink for men or animals and many villagers have to walk miles to get the same, and that even in winter people drink dirty water from ponds and in consequence subject themselves to virulent types of contagious diseases; and

(*b*) whether the Government have ever obtained a statement of all villages where there is no water to drink in summer; and if not, whether they will obtain such a statement?

A.—(*a*) A few petitions relating to the scarcity of water were received from the inhabitants of certain villages in the Jammalamadugu and the Proddatur taluks in 1928.

(*b*) No.

Free distribution of quinine in Cuddapah district.

126 Q.—Mr. T. Narasa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government contemplate free distribution of quinine in all the taluks of Cuddapah district?

A.—It is proposed to confine the scheme meantime to portions of Cuddapah, Rayachoti, Jammalamadugu and Pulivendla taluks.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 282 infra.

Registration

Working of the system of register of holdings in the Registration Department.

127 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the expenditure incurred for introducing the system of register of holdings in the Registration Department; and

(*b*) whether the system is a successful one, and what is the opinion given by the various District Registrars on the working of the system in the Presidency?

A.—The information has been called for.

Excise

Fall in Excise Revenue.

128 *Q.*—The KUMARA RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government anticipates a fall in Excise Revenue during the current year in the Nellore district; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for the information.

Industries

Starting of School of Industries at Rajahmundry.

129 *Q.*—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the report of the Director of Industries, when the school of industries will be started at Rajahmundry; and

(*b*) what are the industries to be taught in that school?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In view of the prevailing financial stringency the consideration of the proposal for establishing an industrial school at Rajahmundry has been postponed for the present.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING BURGLARIES IN MADRAS CITY.

* Mr. V. T. ARASU :—"Mr. President, under Standing Order No. 19, I beg for leave to move for the adjournment of the business of this House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the abnormal increase within the last few days in the number of burglaries and thefts of telegraphic wires within the city of Madras and the utter incapacity of the Madras City Police force to check the same."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Hon. Members of this House would have noticed that among the motions for the reduction of the supplementary Demand under Grant XVI—Police Reserve—which is in the list of business